Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

FINJAN, INC.,

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Plaintiff,

v.

BLUE COAT SYSTEMS, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 15-cv-03295-BLF

OMNIBUS ORDER RE: MINISTRATIVE MOTIONS TO SEAL DOCUMENTS

[Re: ECF 226, 227]

Before the Court are two administrative motions to file under seal, one from Plaintiff Finjan, Inc. ("Finjan") and one from Defendant Blue Coat Systems, LLC ("Blue Coat"). ECF 226, 227. Both relate to the opening briefing on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment. See id. For the reasons set forth below, Blue Coat's motion (ECF 226) is GRANTED and Finjan's motion (ECF 227) is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART.

I. LEGAL STANDARD

"Historically, courts have recognized a 'general right to inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records and documents." Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc., 435) U.S. 589, 597 & n.7 (1978)). Consequently, access to motions and their attachments that are "more than tangentially related to the merits of a case" may be sealed only upon a showing of "compelling reasons" for sealing. Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1101-02 (9th Cir. 2016). Filings that are only tangentially related to the merits may be sealed upon a lesser showing of "good cause." Id. at 1097. In addition, sealing motions filed in this district must be "narrowly tailored to seek sealing only of sealable material." Civil L.R. 79-5(b). A party moving to seal a document in whole or in part must file a declaration establishing that the identified material is "sealable." Civ. L.R. 79-5(d)(1)(A). "Reference to a stipulation or protective order that allows a party to designate certain documents as confidential is not sufficient to establish that a document, or portions thereof, are sealable." *Id.*

II. DISCUSSION

The Court has reviewed the parties' sealing motions and the declarations submitted in support thereof. The Court finds that the parties have articulated compelling reasons and good cause to seal certain portions of the submitted documents. The proposed redactions are also narrowly tailored. The Court's rulings on the sealing requests are set forth in the tables below:

A. ECF 226

| A. | ECF 226 | | |
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| <u>ECF</u> | Document to | Result | Reasoning |
| <u>No.</u> | be Sealed | | |
| 226-4 | Ex. 2 to Marder | GRANTED as | Contains references to highly confidential Blue |
| | Declaration in | to highlighted | Coat information regarding products and |
| | Support of Blue | portions. | functionality, operation, architecture, and |
| | Coat's Motion | | development thereof, including reference to |
| | for Summary | | portions of Blue Coat's source code. Declaration |
| | Judgment, ECF | | of Eugene Marder in Support of Administrative |
| | 225 ("Marder | | Motion to File Under Seal, ECF 226-1 ("Marder |
| | Decl.") | | Blue Coat Sealing Decl.") ¶ 6. |
| 226-6 | Ex. 3 to Marder | GRANTED as | Contains references to highly confidential Blue |
| | Decl. | to highlighted | Coat information regarding products and |
| | | portions. | functionality, operation, architecture, and |
| | | | development thereof, including reference to |
| | | | portions of Blue Coat's source code. Marder Blue |
| | | | Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 7. |
| 226-8 | Ex. 9 to Marder | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. |
| | Decl. | | Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 8. |
| 226-10 | Ex. 10 to | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. |
| | Marder Decl. | | Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 9. |
| 226-12 | Ex. 11 to | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue |
| | Marder Decl. | | Coat information regarding products and |
| | | | functionality, operation, architecture, and |
| | | | development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing |
| | | | Decl. ¶ 10. |
| 226-14 | Ex. 13 to | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue |
| | Marder Decl. | | Coat information regarding products and |
| | | | functionality, operation, architecture, and |
| | | | development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing |
| | | | Decl. ¶ 11. |
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| 226-16 | Ex. 16 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 12. |
| 226-18 | Ex. 17 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 13. |
| 226-20 | Ex. 18 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 14. |
| 226-22 | Ex. 19 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED as to highlighted portions. | Contains highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 15. |
| 226-24 | Ex. 21 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED as to highlighted portions. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 16. |
| 226-26 | Ex. 24 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 17. |
| 226-28 | Ex. 25 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 18. |
| 226-30 | Ex. 26 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 19. |
| 226-32 | Ex. 27 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 20. |
| 226-34 | Ex. 28 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 21. |
| 226-36 | Ex. 29 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 22. |
| 226-38 | Ex. 30 to Marder Decl. | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue Coat information regarding products and functionality, operation, architecture, and development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 23. |

| 226-40 | Ex. 31 to | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. |
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| | Marder Decl. | | Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 24. |
| 226-42 | Ex. 33 to | GRANTED as | Contains references to highly confidential Blue |
| | Marder Decl. | to highlighted | Coat information regarding products and |
| | | portions. | functionality, operation, architecture, and |
| | | | development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing |
| | | | Decl. ¶ 25. |
| 226-44 | Ex. 34 to | GRANTED. | Contains references to highly confidential Blue |
| | Marder Decl. | | Coat information regarding products and |
| | | | functionality, operation, architecture, and |
| | | | development thereof. Marder Blue Coat Sealing |
| | | | Decl. ¶ 26. |
| 226-46 | Ex. 35 to | GRANTED. | Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source code. |
| | Marder Decl. | | Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 27. |
| 226-48 | Ex. 36 to | GRANTED. | Reflects highly confidential Blue Coat information |
| | Marder Decl. | | regarding products and functionality, operation, |
| | | | architecture, and development thereof. Marder |
| | | | Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 28. |
| | Marder Decl. Ex. 36 to | | Decl. ¶ 26. Entirely comprised of Blue Coat source Marder Blue Coat Sealing Decl. ¶ 27. Reflects highly confidential Blue Coat regarding products and functionality, architecture, and development thereof |

B. ECF 227

| ECF | Document to | Result | Reasoning |
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| No. | be Sealed | | |
| 227-4 | Finjan's Motion for Summary Judgment | GRANTED as to highlighted portions. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Declaration of Eugene Marder in Support of Plaintiff Finjan, Inc.'s Administrative Motion to File Under Seal, ECF 232 ("Marder Finjan Sealing Decl.") ¶ 6. |
| 227-6 | Ex. 26 to Caire Declaration in Support of Finjan's Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF 229 ("Caire Decl.") | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 7. |
| 227-8 | Ex. 27 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 8. |
| 227-10 | Ex. 28 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 9. |

| 227-12 | Ex. 29 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 10. |
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| 227-14 | Ex. 30 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 11. |
| 227-16 | Ex. 31 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 12. |
| 227-18 | Ex. 33 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 13. |
| 227-20 | Ex. 34 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Consists entirely of Blue Coat source code. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 14. |
| 227-22 | Ex. 36 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 15. |
| 227-24 | Ex. 39 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 16. |
| 227-26 | Ex. 41 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 17. |
| 227-28 | Ex. 42 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 18. |
| 227-30 | Ex. 43 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 19. |
| 227-32 | Ex. 44 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 20. |
| 227-34 | Ex. 45 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 21. |

| 227-36 | Ex. 48 to Caire Declaration | GRANTED. | Contains highly confidential technical information regarding Blue Coat's proprietary technology, and confidential aspects of Blue Coat's business. |
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| | | | Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 22. |
| 227-38 | Ex. 50 to Caire Declaration | DENIED. | No declaration has been submitted in support of sealing. <i>See</i> Declaration of James Hannah in Support of this Administrative Motion ("Hannah Decl.") ¶ 21, ECF 227-1; Marder Finjan Sealing Decl. ¶ 23. |

III. ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, Blue Coat's sealing motion (ECF 226) is GRANTED and Finjan's sealing motion (ECF 227) is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. Under Civil Local Rule 79-5(e)(2), for any request that has been denied because the party designating a document as confidential or subject to a protective order has not provided sufficient reasons to seal, the submitting party must file the unredacted (or lesser redacted) documents into the public record no earlier than 4 days and no later than 10 days from the filing of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 30, 2017

BETH LABSON FREEMAN United States District Judge